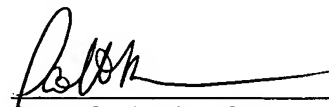


REMARKS

Applicants hereby file this Preliminary Amendment concurrently with a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/994,979. In this continuation application, claims are submitted that are directed to polymer films that have up to about 20% treated pigment. Support for this limitation may for example be found on page 13, line 3 of the specification. With respect to new claims 50-55 and 68, related polymer film claims were presented but canceled in parent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/723,098. Additionally, Applicants have added claim 49, which is directed to a polymer matrix that is formed by using the salt of the specified organo-acid phosphate compound. A related claim was allowed as claim 68 of Patent Application Serial No. 09/723,098. No new matter has been added.

Applicants submit that no fee is required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If any fee is deemed necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 11-0171.

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